

TRAINERS' CHECKLIST

ADVANCED FAMILY MEDIATION SKILLS

This is primarily a skills-based course. FDRIO recognizes that different trainers will approach this in different ways. The topics set out below are suggestions of what may be included in the program, but is not a list of required elements.

1. Mediator Skills

Some Suggested Topics Include

- Intake interview
- Screening
- Preparing mediation agreements
- Opening a mediation
- Facilitating storytelling
- Questioning
- Listening
- Agenda formation
- Eliciting perspectives of participants
- Probing for interests of participants
- Generating options
- Determining objective criteria for assessing options
- Assessing options
- Facilitating problem solving
- Overcoming impasse
- Preparing a progress report or notes
- Preparing settlement documents

Time Allocated: _____ minutes

Location in agenda and handbook:

2. Role Plays and Assessment

- Integrating the skills shown above

Time Allocated: _____ minutes

Location in agenda and handbook:

3. Mediating Parenting Disputes

Some Suggested Topics Include

- Roles of family professionals
- Integrating views of the child into the mediation

Time Allocated: _____ minutes

Location in agenda and handbook:

4. Mediating Child and Spousal Support Disputes

Some Suggested Topics Include

- Roles of financial professionals
- Coordinating financial disclosure
- Preparing a DIVORCEMATE Tools child support report

Time Allocated: _____ minutes

Location in agenda and handbook:

5. Mediating Property Disputes

Some Suggested Topics Include

- Roles of financial professionals
- Coordinating financial disclosure and valuation of assets
- Preparing a Net Family Property Statement

Time Allocated: _____ minutes

Location in agenda and handbook:
